

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 6, 2024

St. Monica Catholic Church

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Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM



St. Monica Catholic Church MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM (Vietnamese)

11:00 AM

Weekdays
8:30 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Rosary
8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

First Saturday Adoration
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Hence a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, so that they become one flesh.

GENESIS 2:24



Drop your Commitment Card in the collection basket or mail them into the Parish Office.

"Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

MARK 10:15



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Dear brothers and sisters,

We continue our new series on virtue today with the human virtue of prudence. Prudence helps us in making wise decisions. It considers the context, circumstances, and possible outcomes of a decision being made. A prudent person seeks the counsel of others who they recognize as wise. Prudence requires the application of principles and values when figuring out what to do. For example, a person whose principles tell them that stealing is wrong will more easily decide not to take what is not theirs.

How do we strengthen the virtue of prudence within us? First and foremost, we will need our mind, our thinking, to be enlightened by Godly principles. Reading and reflecting on the Scriptures does an excellent job of this. If you haven't already, I strongly encourage you to read the Wisdom Books: Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach. Here we learn the difference between right and wrong from the perspective of God. With these teachings as our foundation, we will make wiser and even holier decisions.

Secondly, we should also seek the guidance of others, as I mentioned above. We can ask the input of wise people we know, people who we see living a good life pleasing to God. They have much to teach us. The Church itself is also somewhere we can go to. Her teachings, built upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will not only bless us in this life, but can lead us into heaven. Reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the summary of all we believe, will grant us such heavenly guidance.

May we seek to grow in prudence, that our choices might produce goodness in us and in our world, which is beset by so much confusion and uncertainty.

Fr. Ben

***Welcome to all who worship with our parish family,
whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish.***

If you are not registered, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Remove from List
- Send Sunday Envelopes
- St. Monica St. Thomas the Apostle

You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

When Pope Francis visited the United States for the purpose of supporting and building up the family, his message was a reminder of God’s beautiful plan for humankind: *“The humanism of the Bible presents this icon: the human couple, united and fruitful, placed by God in the garden of world, to cultivate it and to guard it.”* Scripture reveals that the family in fact represents most completely the image of God. Moreover, the image of a God who has revealed Himself to be a communion of Persons of life-giving love. Even though it was Jesus who revealed God’s Trinitarian nature, we can see the Trinity already foreshadowed in the Old Testament. The first instance being when God created humans in His own image.

God, who is One, referred to Himself as “us” and created two persons, distinct yet one to be His image. The unity of man and woman as the image of God is again affirmed in our First Reading when man is not complete without the creation of woman. Woman is created from man’s side, showing that though she is different than man, she is also of the same nature and of equal dignity.

Because the family is the icon of the Trinity and therefore of God Himself, it makes sense that it has suffered the most from Satan’s attacks and from the effects of original sin. The unity between man and woman has been harmed and the joy of openness to life undermined. Sometimes we can feel a distance from our creative nature, that it seems like God’s revelation about ourselves in Genesis is just a dream. Rather than unity, we more often see power struggles, selfishness, adultery, use and abuse, and so on.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus juxtaposes the two possible views toward marriage: a skepticism based on the reality of sin, or a hopefulness based on the reality of redemption. Jesus has not given up on marriage and the family, He has come to redeem it. It is the very image of our Trinitarian God.

~ Angela Jendro



Please join us for our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, 10/26/2024!

Enjoy a casual **adults-only** evening of community building and camaraderie with a buffet style dinner of mouthwatering sausages by Lockeford, sauerkraut, homemade potato salad, dessert, and drinks (beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages). Each \$30 dinner ticket includes two sausages, sides, dessert, and two drinks.

Ticket sale closes Monday, 10/21/2024.

<https://stmonica.schoolauction.net/oktoberfest2024>

Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM

St. Monica Church Small Hall

5950 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94121



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Respect Life Month

I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE **LIFE**



October 2024
respectlife.org/celebrate

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever.

— AMEN.



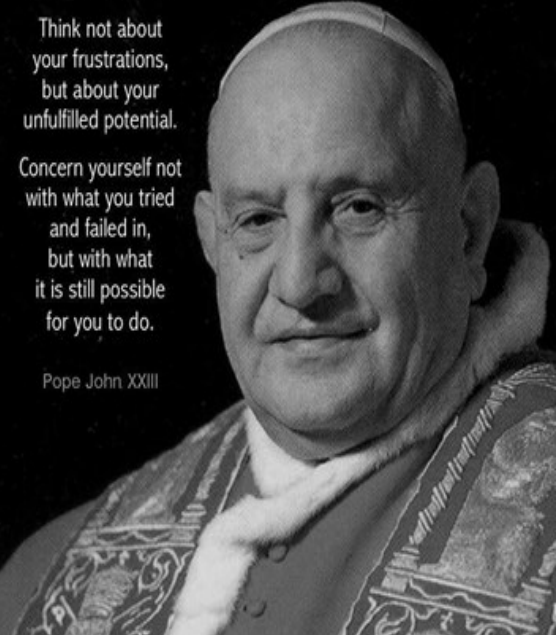
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

October 7th

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams.

Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.

Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.



Feast Day: October 11th

Pope John XXIII

BAY AREA ROSARY RALLY

IN HONOR OF
"OUR LADY WHO UNITES ALL PEOPLES"

The Mass of the Americas will be offered for All Immigrants by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

SATURDAY, OCT. 12, 2024

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
 1111 Gough Street @ Geary, San Francisco

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:30 a.m. Confessions
- 10:00 a.m. Talk: History of the Rosary
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary in the Cathedral
- 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by Procession and Benediction
- 1:00 p.m. Ethnic Food Festival



THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN PRAYING THE ROSARY IN COMMON CAN OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE



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* In addition to having no attachment to sin, gaining a plenary indulgence requires participants to fulfill three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and vocal prayer for the intention of the Pope.



www.sfarch.org/event/rosary-rally

THE SAINT MONICA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will be coming soon. The fair will be open to the public from October 21st - 25th from 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM and on Sunday, October 27th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Stop by the Large Hall and help raise funds for our Saint Monica School Library.





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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	10/07	8:30 AM	Jean Winn †
Tue.	10/08	8:30 AM	Intention of Barbara Chow
Wed.	10/09	8:30 AM	Linda O'Rourke †
Thu.	10/10	8:30 AM	Jean Winn †
Fri.	10/11	8:30 AM	Christine & Tom Tom Raheer, Wedding Anniversary
Sat.	10/12	8:30 AM	Rev. Tom Hamilton †
		5:00 PM	Rev. Tom Hamilton †
Sun.	10/13	11:00 AM	Parishioners

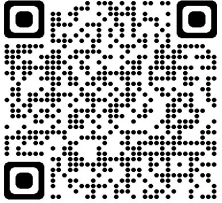
St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	09/07	8:30 AM	Fausto Galvan, Jr. †
Tue.	10/08		No Mass
Wed.	10/09	8:30 AM	Fausto Galvan, Jr. †
Thu.	10/10		No Mass
Fri.	10/11	8:30 AM	Fausto Galvan, Jr. †
Sat.	10/12		No Mass
Sun.	10/13	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Nott †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
September 22, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,050.00	\$430.00	\$1,241.00
2ND COLLECTION: St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,141.00	\$259.00	\$308.00
SEPTEMBER ONLINE DONATION	\$1,840.00		



Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

To donate:
Use your personalized parish offertory envelopes
or scan the QR code to donate online!



ORGAN RECITAL
 Sunday, October 27th - 2:30 pm
 St. Monica Church

A visiting organist from a French Cathedral will perform an organ recital at St. Monica Church. The program will feature seasonal music for All Hallows and well-known movie themes. Parishioners, School Families, Staff, and neighborhood friends are encouraged to attend. More details to come.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who donated to our 2nd Collection and helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, September 18th. A special thank you to those who volunteered to help with shopping for supplies and delivery to the shelter the next day. Future sandwich making will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The next opportunity will be this **Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the St. Monica Parish Hall. For questions contact: Maria McDevitt at megmared@comcast.net or 415-515-6945.